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For: Cryogenic Storage Device Comprising a Transponder

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to Examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a cryostorage device (100), especially for biological samples, which comprises a sample carrier (10) to receive at least one sample (11) and a data storage (20), characterised in that data are inductively transmitted comprising the step of:

inductively transmitting data from the data storage (20) into a wireless transmission channel (40) and/or conversely or from the wireless channel to the data storage using a resonant circuit (30) connected to the data storage (20).